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In re Application of:

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**ELECTION**

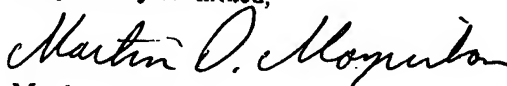
Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Restriction Office Action mailed September 18, 2007, which response is being made on or before December 18, 2007, and for which a two month extension of time fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect **Group IV**, namely **Claims 94-95 and 97-104**, drawn to a method of regulating osteogenesis in a subject comprising contacting a cell with osteogenic potential with a single-stranded or double-stranded oligonucleotide which is at least 12 nucleotides in length and is specifically hybridizable with SEQ ID NO: 1 and/or 2, wherein: (i) said cell is located in the subject; and/or (ii) said contacting is effected in-vitro, thereby generating a treated cell, and the method further comprises the step of administering said treated cell to the subject, thereby regulating osteogenesis in the subject.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to the non-elected Group.

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